



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT**

***"STOP THE SILENCE ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE"***

# Prince George's County Police Department Special Crimes Division Domestic Violence Unit

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Domestic Violence Overview and Analysis

# Introduction

Attached are the statistics relating to the distribution of the Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) Workload for 2021. These statistics include the number of Domestic Violence Cases for this year, to include the current closure rate. Also included are the number of investigators assigned to the Domestic Violence Section for this year and the average number of Domestic Violence cases assigned to each investigator.

The purpose of this document is to provide a comprehensive overview of domestic violence calls for service, as well as a breakdown of verified domestic related offenses by type, day of the week, and sector. Goals and objectives for 2022 are also described.



# 2021 Domestic Violence

## DVU Sworn Personnel

RANK	AUTHORIZED STRENGTH	ASSIGNED PERSONNEL
Sergeant	2	2
Investigators	12	7

## DVU Civilian Personnel

RANK	AUTHORIZED STRENGTH	ASSIGNED PERSONNEL
Administrative Aide I/II	1	1

## Personnel

YEAR	NUMBER OF SERGEANTS	NUMBER OF INVESTIGATORS ASSIGNED "CURRENT" DVU CASES	CLOSURE RATE
2021	2	7	94%

## Cases Investigated

YEAR	FAMILY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE	TOTAL CASES INVESTIGATED	CASES PER (7) INVESTIGATORS
2021	16	117	133	19

## Number of Cases and Referrals per Investigator

YEAR	CASES PER INVESTIGATOR	REFERRALS PER INVESTIGATOR	TOTAL REFERRALS & CASES PER INVESTIGATOR
2021	19	27	46

For the purpose of clarity, "Total Cases Investigated" refers only to felony domestic assaults that were assigned for full investigative follow up. "Referrals Per Investigator" refers to lesser assaults that are assigned to investigators to conduct follow up with Victims to ensure they are aware of and receive services to which they are entitled, such as protective orders and Family Justice Center counseling. "Family Domestic Violence" refers to incidents of felony violence between household members who are biologically related.

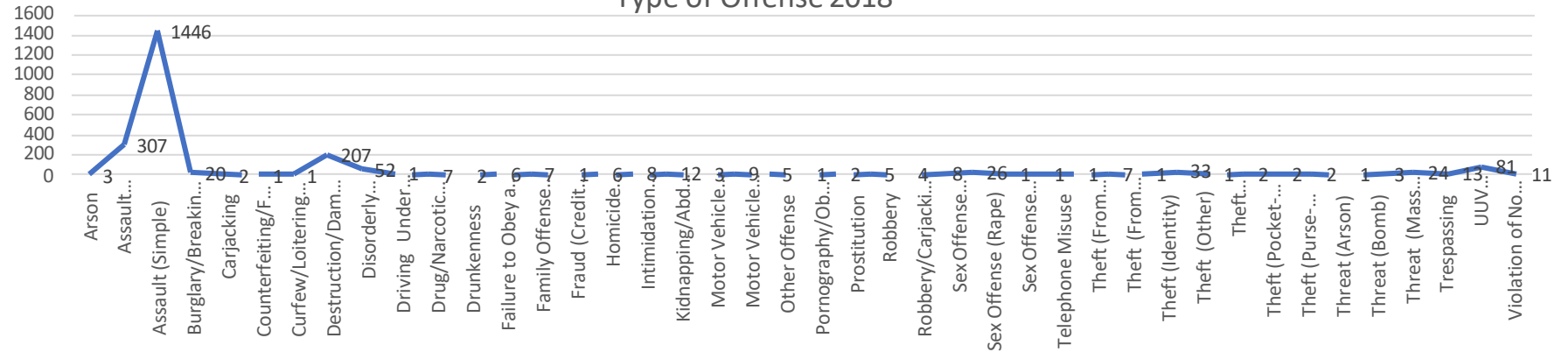
Additionally, while the number of "Current DVU Investigators" stands at 7, DVU has been operating with an effective strength of between 4 and 6 investigators since September 2021 due to investigator being on leave for medical issues.

Overall, the total number of domestic calls for service and verified offenses increased slightly from 2020-2021. There is no apparent reason for this increase other than the ongoing COVID pandemic, which is causing people to remain in close quarters for extended periods of time. Additionally, the majority of both calls for service and offenses occur in the line stations, which is attributable to the increased population density in those areas.

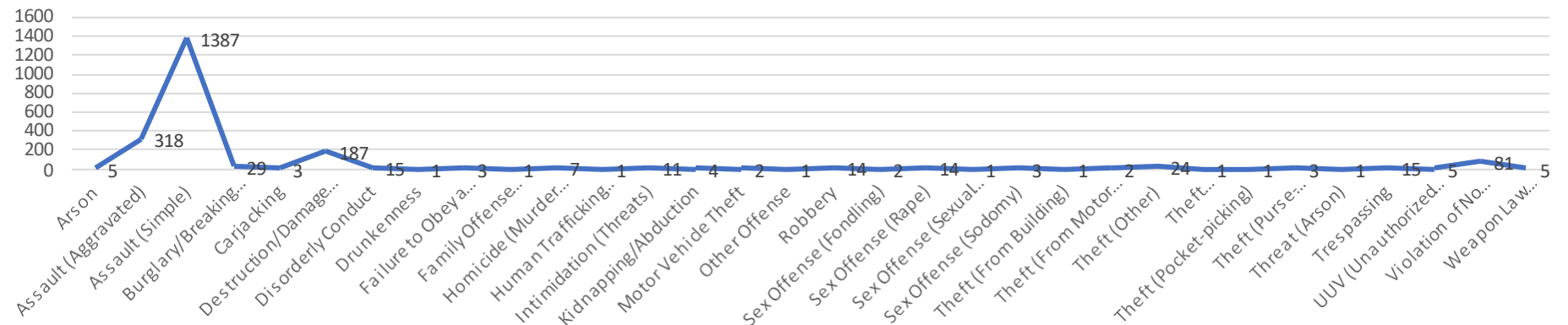
# Victimology Breakdown 2018-2021

Domestic-Related Offense Type	Offenses
Arson	10
Assault (Aggravated)	1310
Assault (Simple)	1539
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	98
Carjacking	6
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	1
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism Property	700
Disorderly Conduct	99
Driving Under Influence	1
Drug/Narcotic Violation	9
Drunkenness	3
Failure to Obey a Court Order	10
Family Offense (Nonviolent)	10
Fraud (Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine)	1
Homicide (Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter)	29
Human Trafficking (Commercial Sex Acts)	1
Intimidation (Threats)	44
Kidnapping/Abduction	22
Motor Vehicle Theft	12
Motor Vehicle Theft/UUV	9
Other Offense	18
Pornography/Obscene Material	1
Prostitution	2
Robbery	53
Robbery/Carjacking	4
Sex Offense (Fondling)	14
Sex Offense (Rape)	80
Sex Offense (Sexual Assault With An Object)	2
Sex Offense (Sodomy)	5
Telephone Misuse	6
Theft (From Building)	14
Theft (From Motor Vehicle)	10
Theft (Identity)	1
Theft (Other)	89
Theft (Parts/Accessories From Motor Vehicle)	7
Theft (Pocket-picking)	4
Theft (Purse-snatching)	5
Threat (Arson)	4
Threat (Bomb)	2
Threat (Mass Injury/Violence/Terrorist)	10
Trespassing	67
UUV (Unauthorized Use of Vehicle)	34
Violation of No Contact/Protection Orders	329
Weapon Law Violations	34
Grand Total	8211

Type of Offense 2018



Offenses By Year 2019

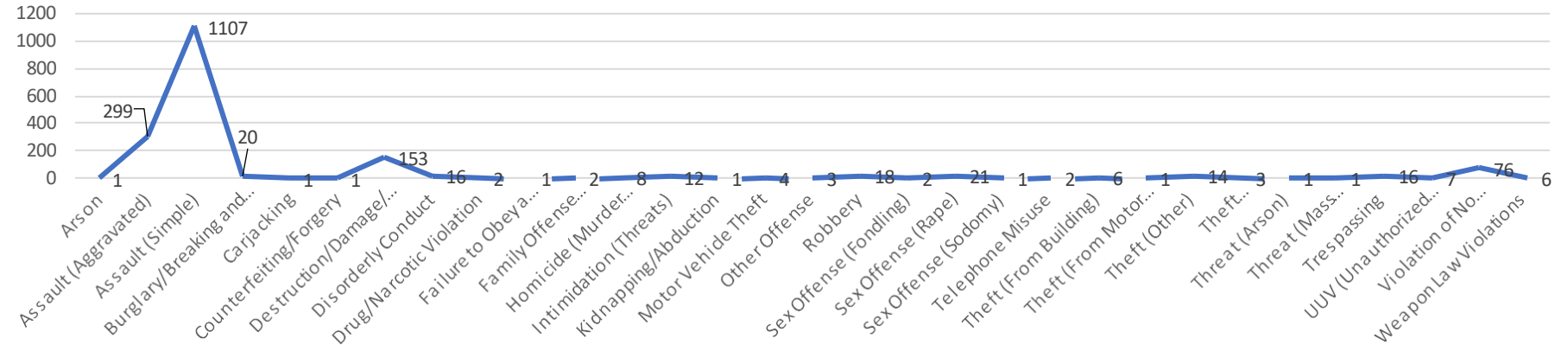


These numbers reflect the total number of offenses from 2018-2021. Each year is broken down followed on the next page. Simple Assaults (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault) is the highest for all four years.

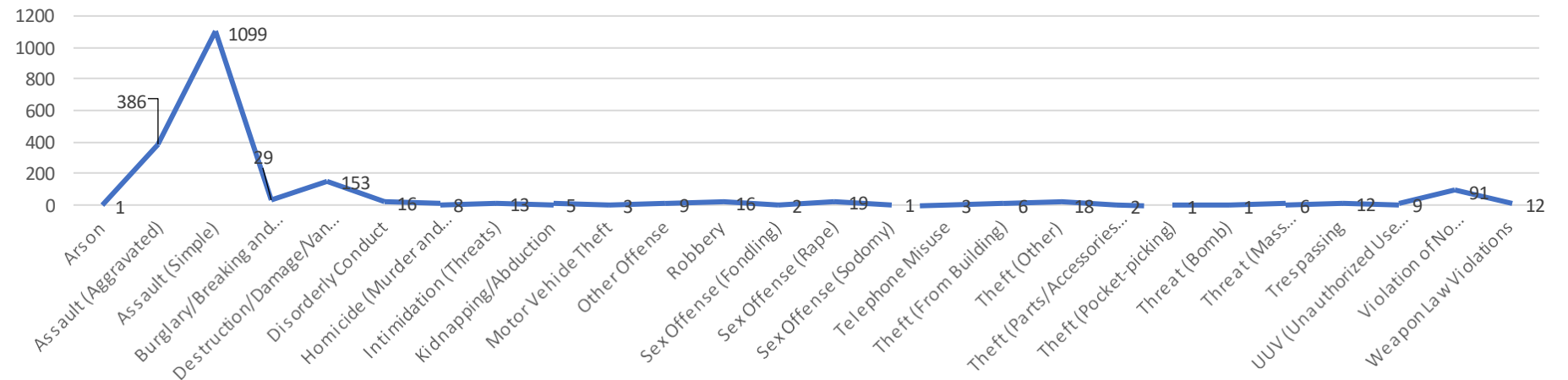
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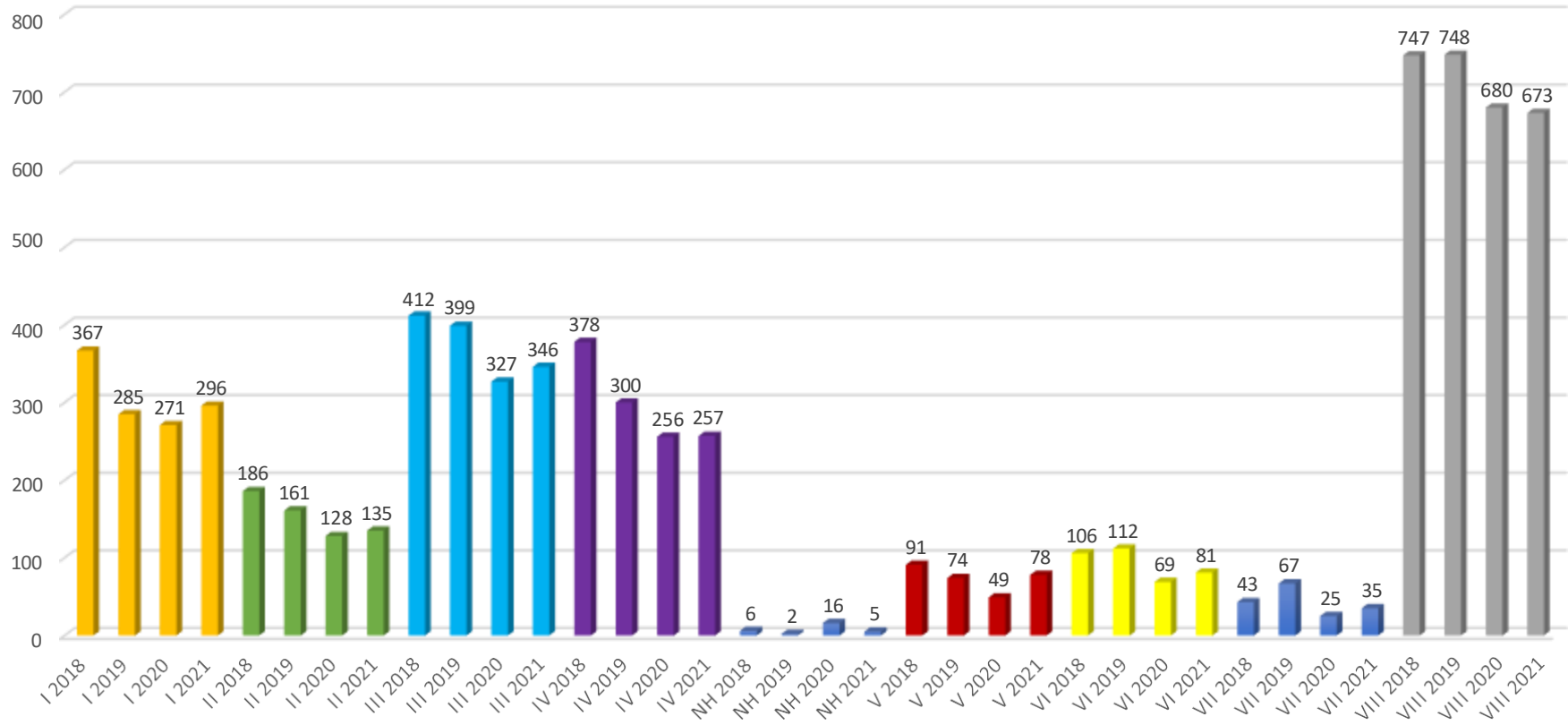


# Offenses by Division

Offenses

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610  
1484  
1191  
29  
292  
368  
170  
2848  
8211

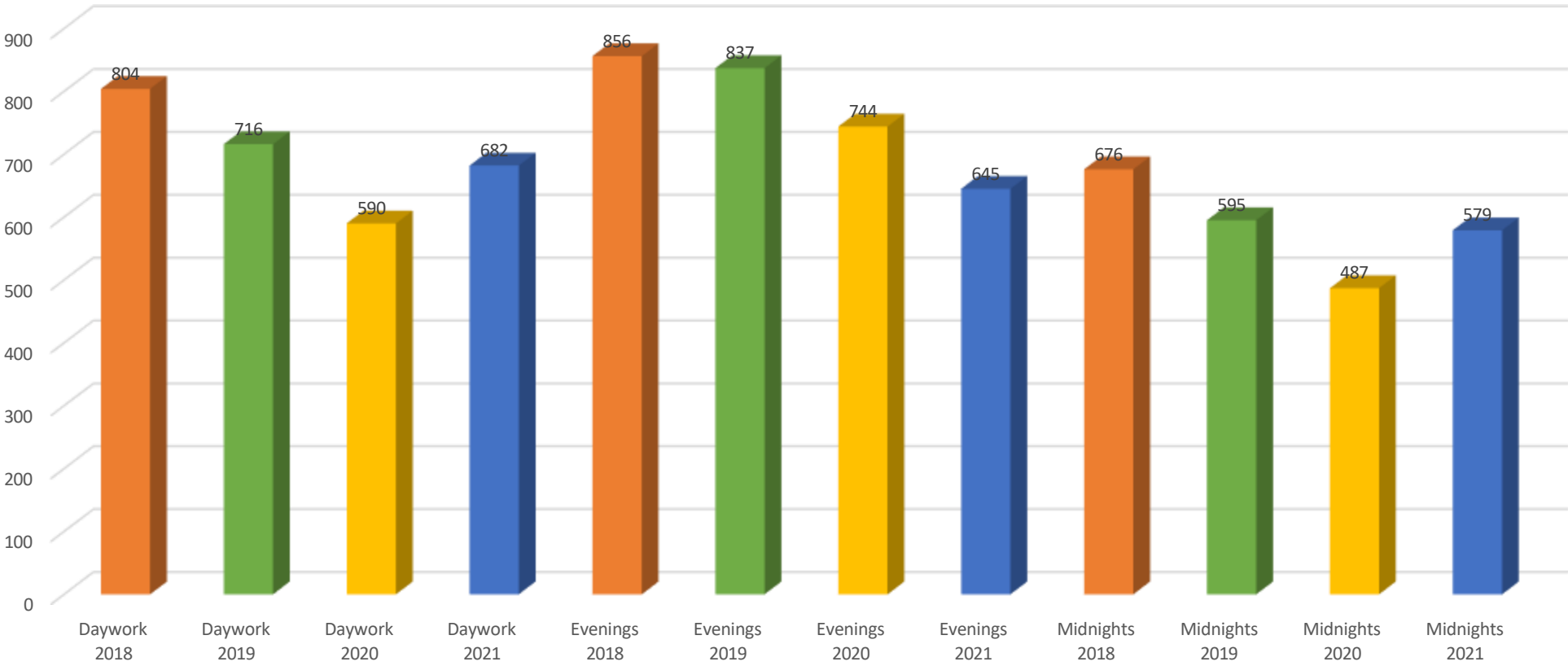
Division VIII and III has the most calls for service. Sectors H and G are also Serviced by the Sheriffs Department for Domestic Violence calls for service



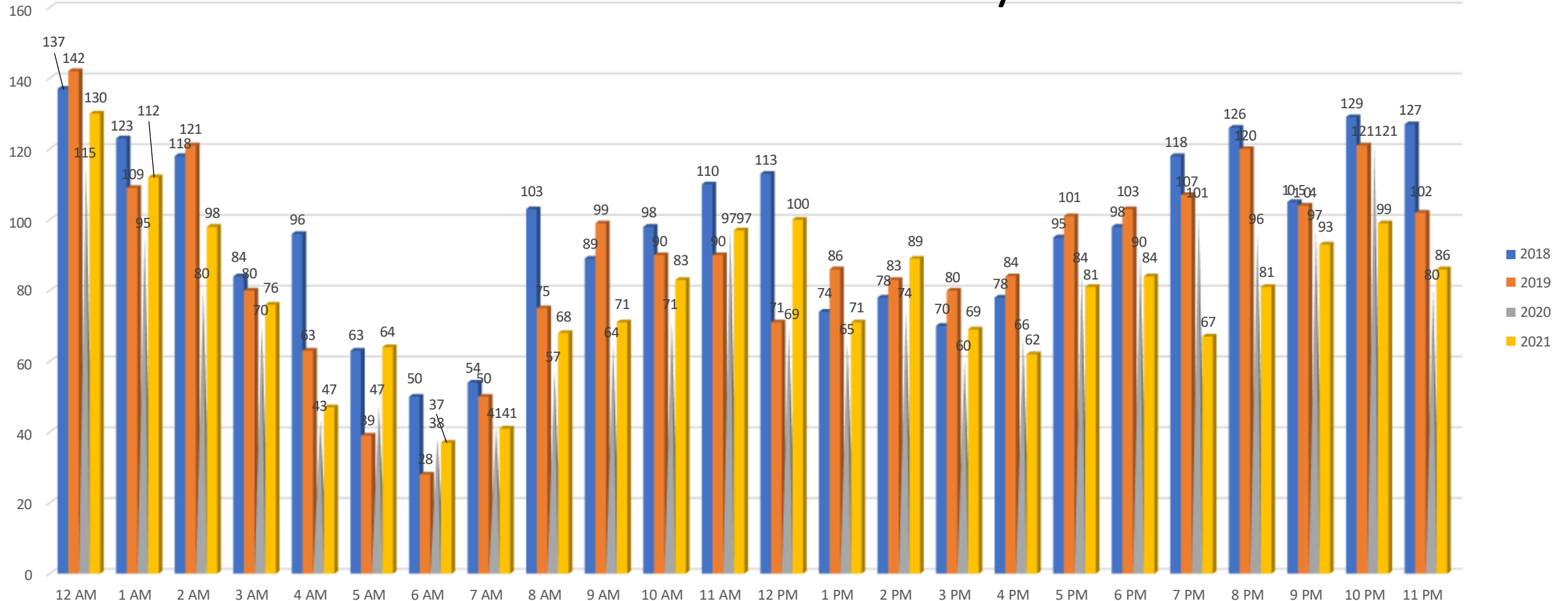
# Offenses by Shift

PGPD Shift	Offenses
Daywork	2792
Evenings	3082
Mids	2337
Grand Total	8211

For all four years  
Evening shift  
produces the most  
calls for service  
relating to Domestic  
Violence



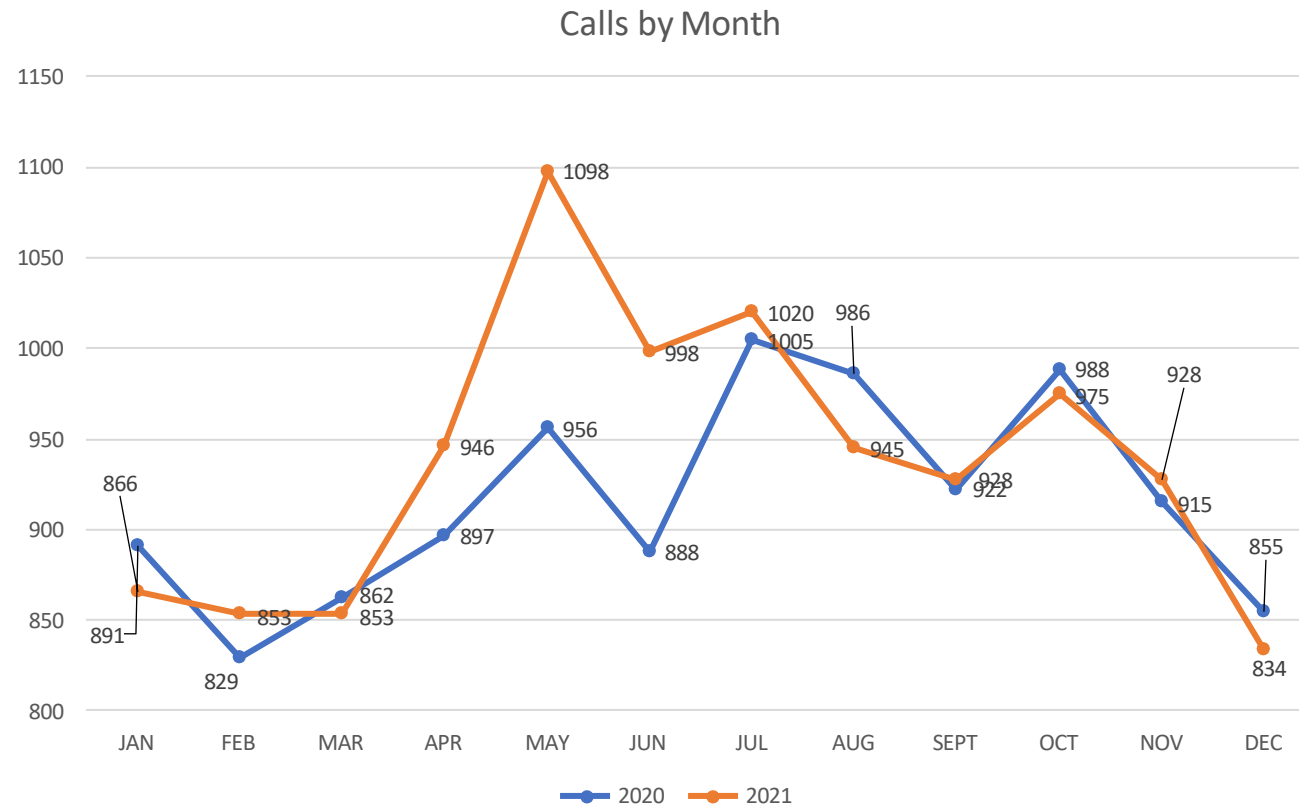
# Offenses Per Year by Hour



Evening shift into the Midnight shift are were officers will likely to respond to Domestic Violence Calls for Service



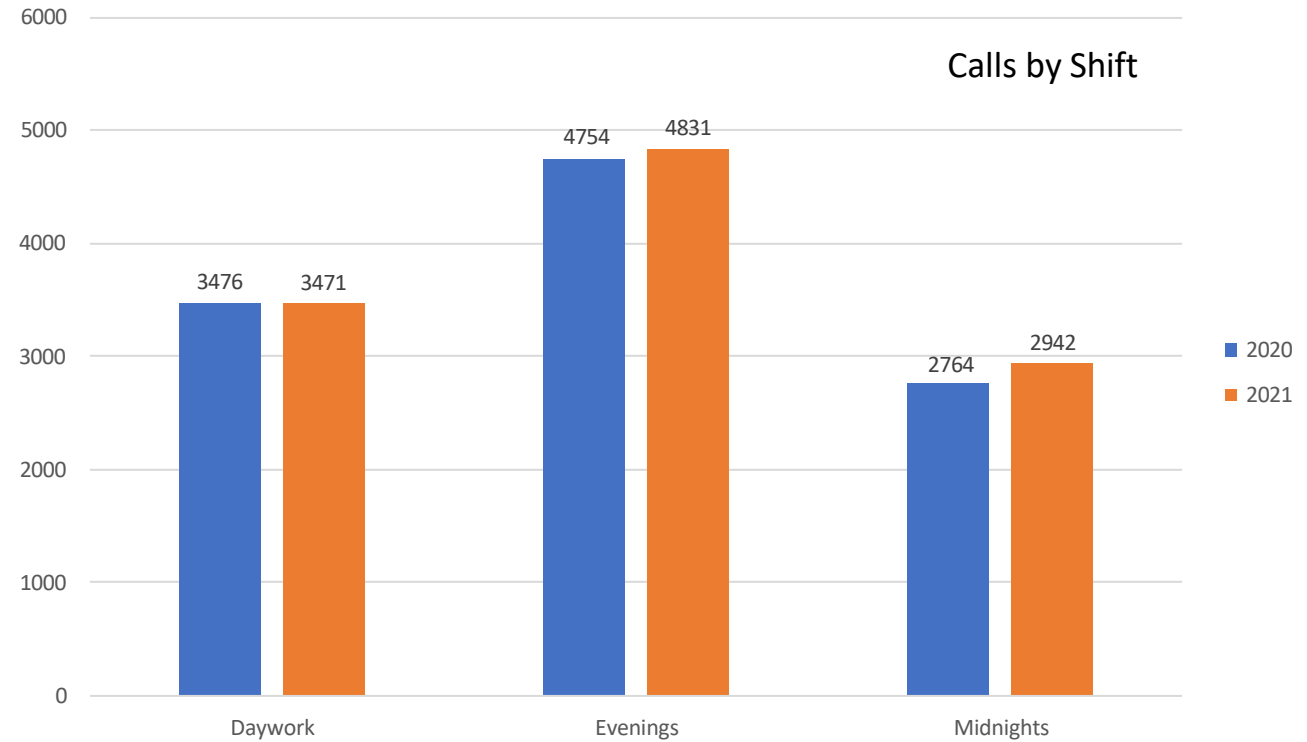
# Calls for Service by Month 2020-2021



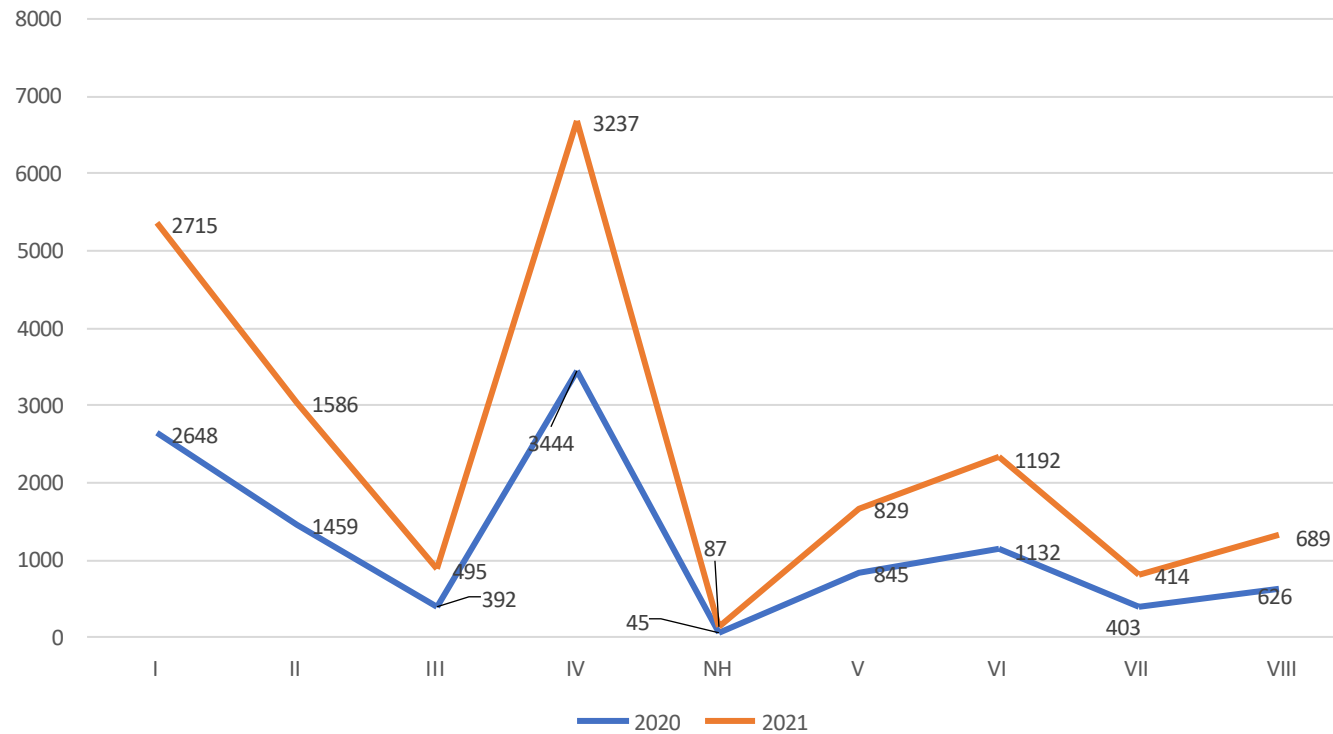
Calls for service peak in the springtime then again going into the summer season. They drop at the beginning of the school and steadily decline during the winter holiday Season.

# Calls for Service by Shift 2020-2021

For the years 2020 and 2021, the bulk of the calls for service are mainly in the evening time.



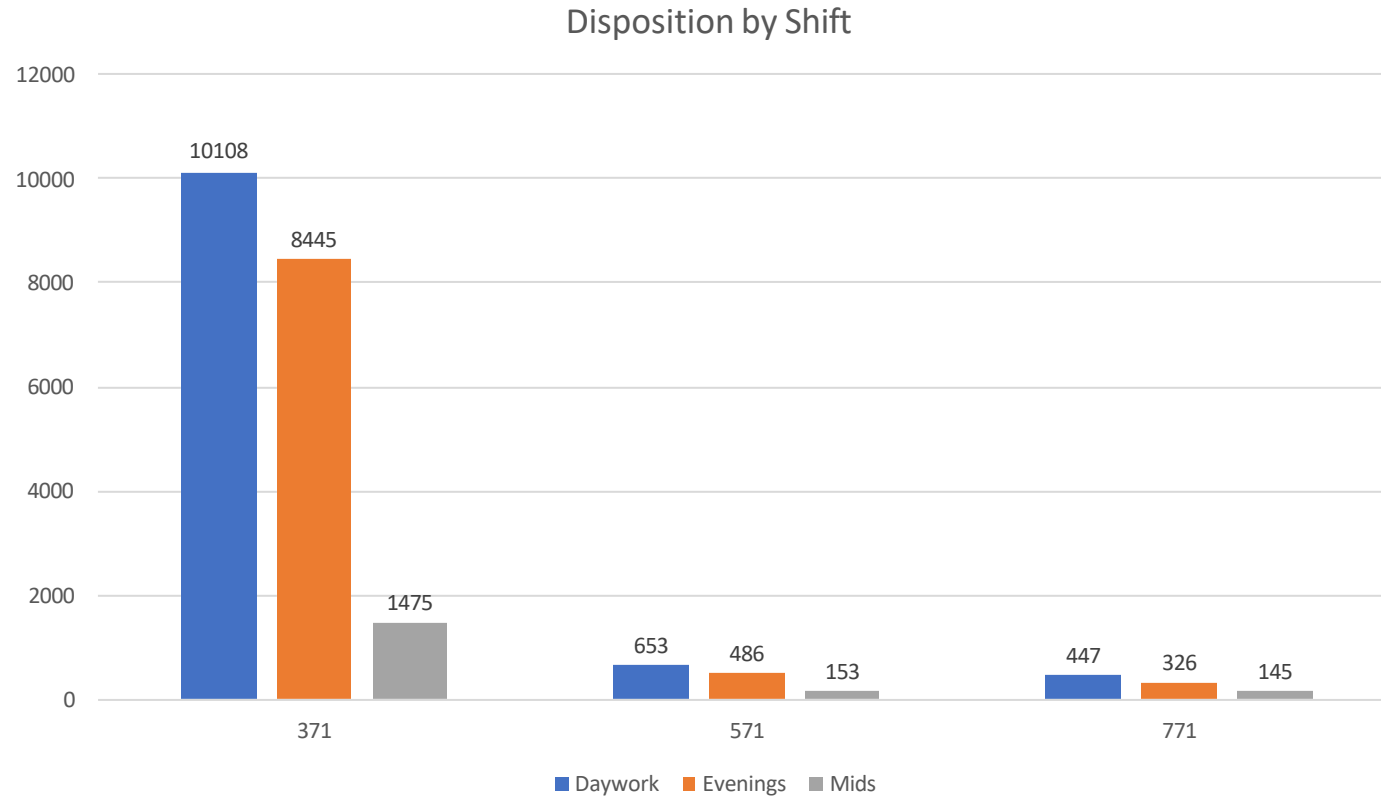
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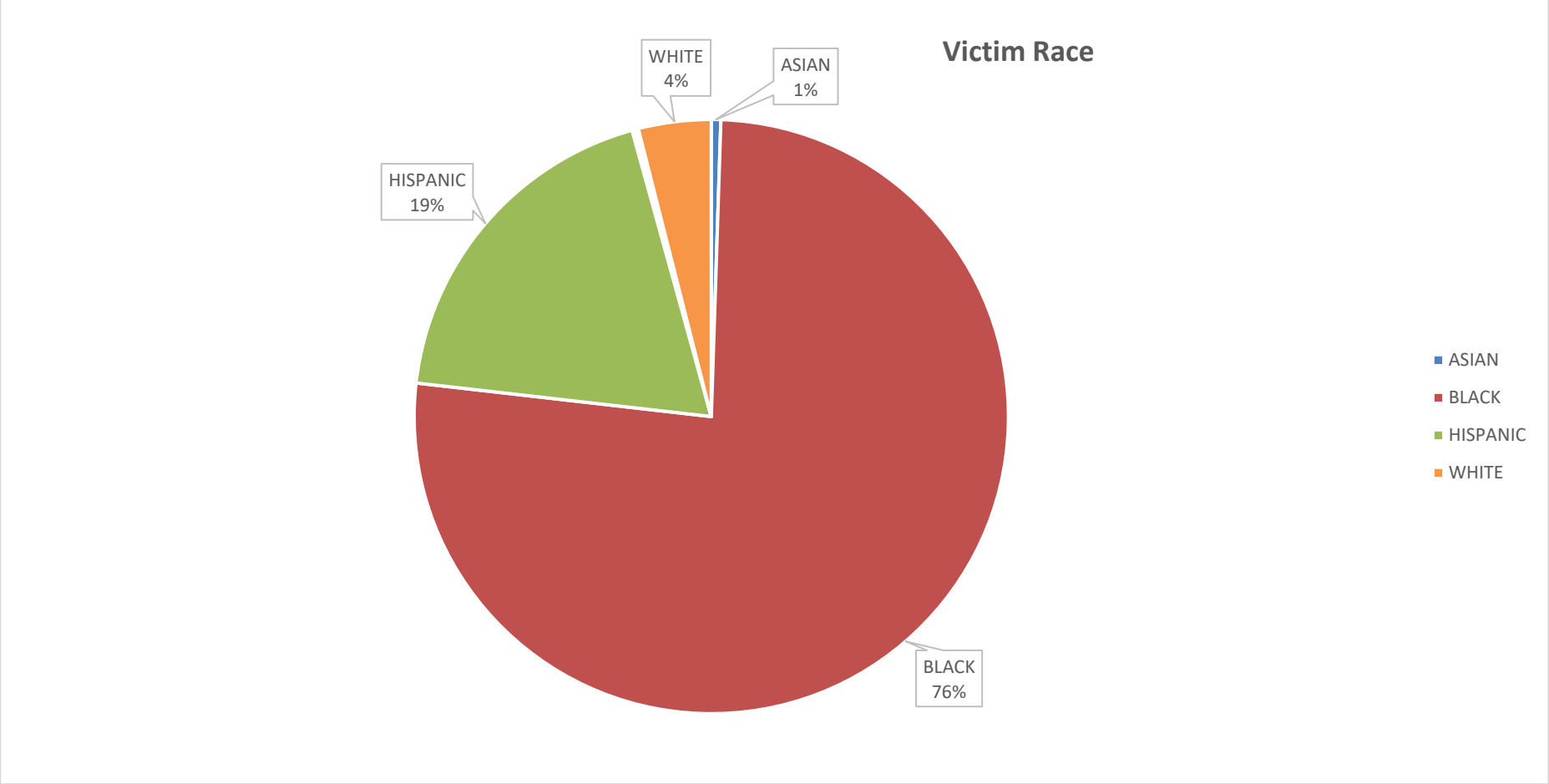
# Disposition By Shift 2020-2021

Most domestic violence  
Calls for service are coded  
371 where no on scene  
Arrest was made.



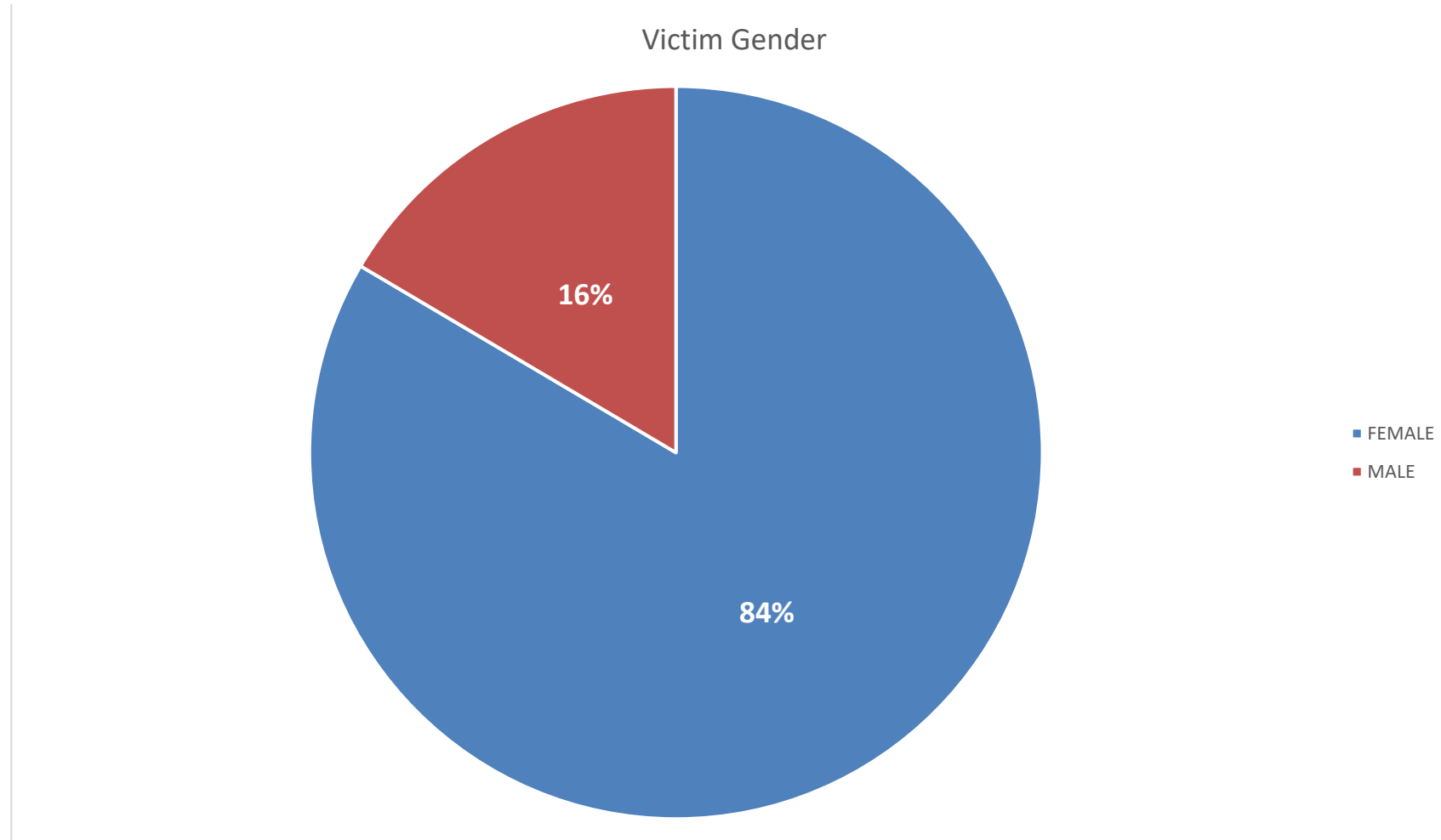
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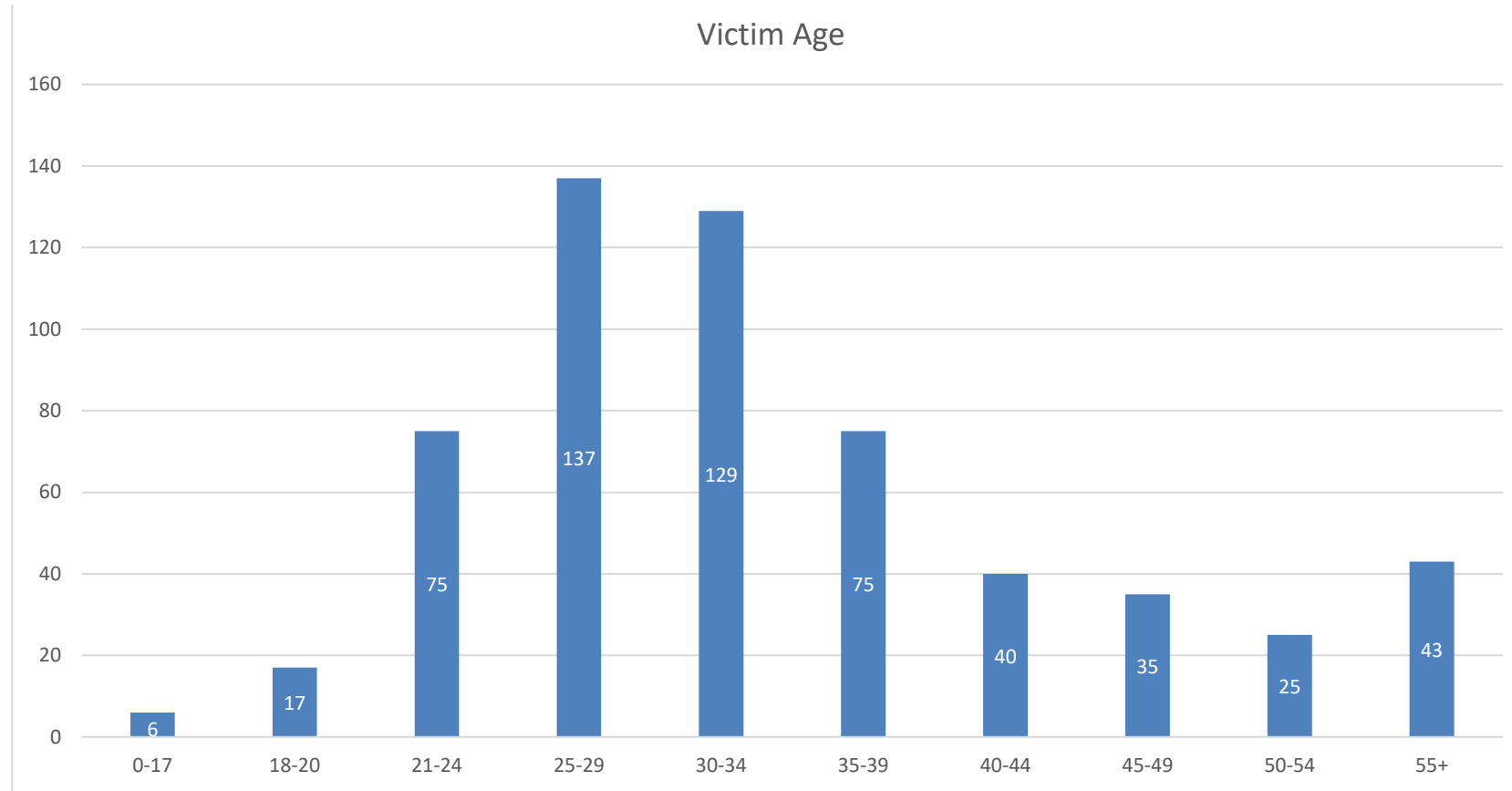
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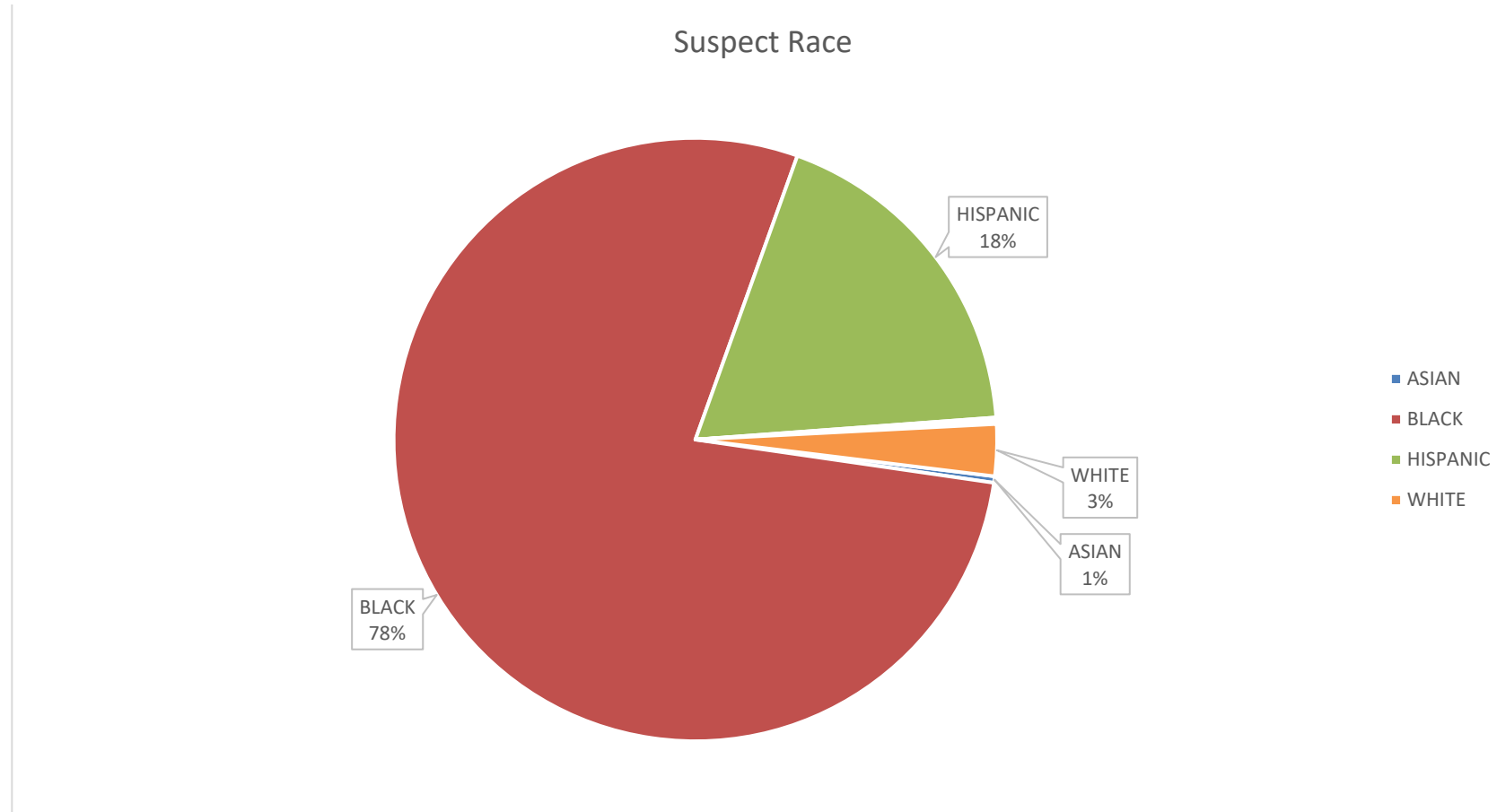
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# Suspect Demographics 2021 – Race

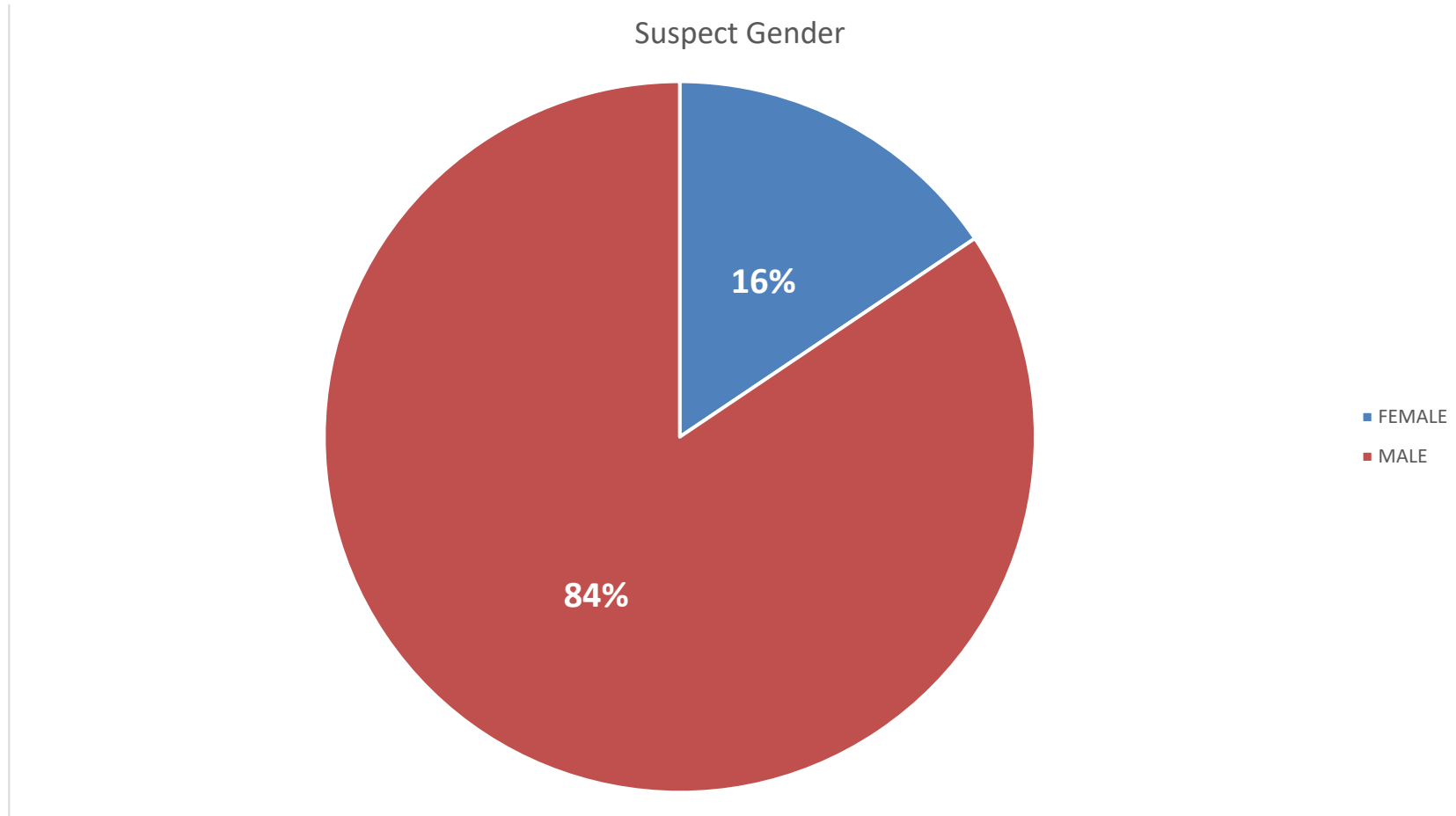
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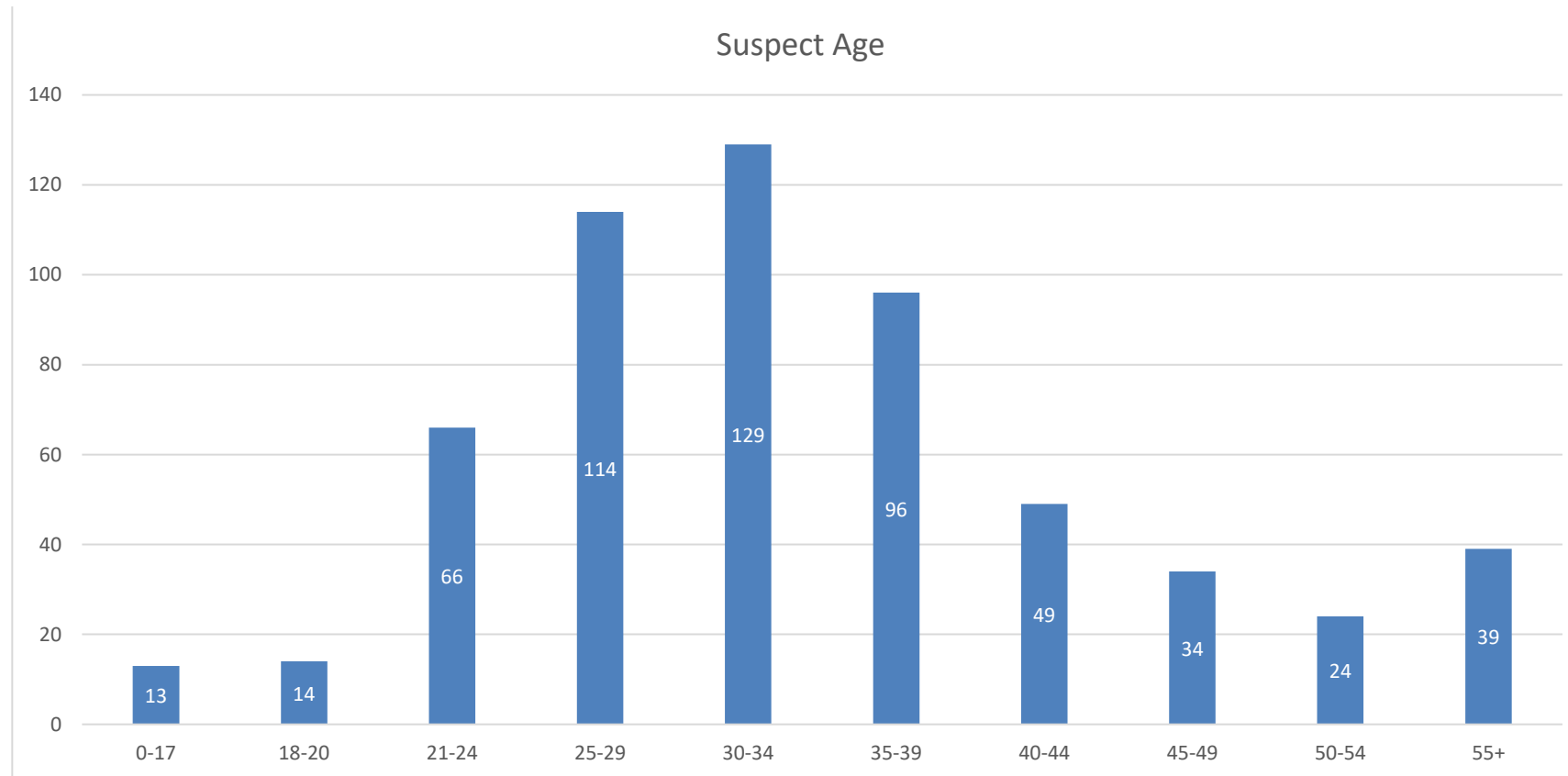
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# Goals and Objectives 2022

## Special Crimes Division

### Domestic Violence Unit

**GOAL #1:** Properly address and investigate the marked increase in Citizen Charged Complaints (CCCs) with the current staffing in the DVU.

**OBJECTIVE:** In 2022, the goal of the Domestic Violence Unit will be to properly address and investigate the marked increase in CCCs. Properly track all statistical data such as arrest warrants, search warrants (residential, digital, vehicle) and victimology.

**STRATEGY:**

- Maintain a proper system that tracks active and closed out CCCs
- Conduct case reviews for screening purposes of CCC
- Request weekly updates on active cases
- Supervisor to conduct monthly case reviews with investigator to ensure that the case is progressing
- Increase manpower of investigators to maintain adequate investigations with the increased caseload
- Detectives shall send warrants, closures and pertinent data to administrative aide for proper tracking.

# Goals and Objectives 2022

## Special Crimes Division

### Domestic Violence Unit

**GOAL #2:** Increase manpower in the DVU to assist in investigations and to also reflect the marked increase in caseloads

**OBJECTIVE:** Ensure that the DVU is properly staffed to assist in the marked increase in caseload

**STRATEGY:**

- Ensure that there is adequate staffing in the DVU to assist in the marked increase in caseload
- Ensure that the DVU is properly staffed to allow for changes in schedules, preapproved leave, injuries and TDY's

# Goals and Objectives 2022

## Special Crimes Division

### Domestic Violence Unit

**GOAL #3:** Continue to maintain a solid and amenable working relationship with the OSPG

**OBJECTIVE:** To ensure that the DVU and the OSPG maintain a solid working relationship with one another so that cases can be properly investigated, screened and adjudicated

**STRATEGY:**

- Continue to have periodic meetings with the Command Staff of the OSPG and DVU
- Ensure that information is being properly relayed in its entirety from one entity to another
- Teach blocks of instruction regarding Domestic Violence investigations to members of the OSPG
- Ensure that both entities are maintaining an open channel of communication, even with transitions and changes in leadership

